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October 7, 1992

Honorable Vic Fazio  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Miscellaneous-Non-Subversive

Dear Congressman Fazio:

I am writing in further reply to your August 21st correspondence on behalf of [redacted]. [redacted] requests your support in prompting an FBI investigation into the death of Joseph Daniel/Casolaro.

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The Martinsburg, West Virginia, Police Department, conducted a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Casolaro. On January 25, 1992, that Department ruled his death a suicide. The FBI did not investigate Mr. Casolaro's death since there was no evidence that he was the victim of foul play or that a Federal law within our investigative jurisdiction had been violated. To date, no subsequent information has been received to indicate that such a violation has occurred, and, accordingly, the FBI is unable to conduct an investigation into this matter.

I hope this information will be helpful to you in responding to [redacted].

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Sincerely yours,  
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ReBucal 9-30-92 from [redacted], OPCS, to SSRA [redacted]  
Martinsburg RA, and return call 10-1-92.  
1 - WMFO - Enclosures (2)  
1 - Mr. [redacted]  
1 - Congressional Affairs Office

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Honorable Vic Fazio

NOTE: Congressman Fazio writes on behalf of [redacted] who urges the Congressman to support an FBI investigation into the death of JOSEPH DANIEL CASOLARO. CASOLARO, a free-lance writer, was found dead from an apparent suicide in Martinsburg, WV, on 8-10-91. Although his death was originally ruled a suicide, a further probe into the circumstances surrounding his death was conducted by the Martinsburg, West Virginia, City Police Department, as CASOLARO's brother and others believed he was murdered. SSRA [redacted] advised that the MCPD had gone to extra lengths, including securing a blood splatter expert who determined that all blood smears and splatters were consistent with suicide. According to SSRA [redacted] to date, no information has been developed which would indicate that his death was other than self-inflicted. Similar reply used in response to previous congressional inquiries regarding this matter. An interim response was prepared by CAO on 9-17-92.

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